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A LONGER LINE

Electric Company's Territory to be Extended.

A CONTRACT FOR KAMEHAMEHA

Both Schools—Chapel and Museum.
A Power Plant at Waianae—150 H P—Olowalu's Plant.

An important extension of lighting line has been decided upon by the Electric Company. This has been in contemplation by Manager Hoffman for some time. A contract closed on Monday of this week decided the enterprise.

The local company is to have the illumination of the Kamehameha Boys' School and the Kamehameha Girls' School. The trustees have concluded that a more economical and satisfactory arrangement than maintaining a small plant will be brought about under the terms of the bargain just closed. Figures were studied for some days. On invitation the manager for the electric people of the city made a proposition. The offer was considered advantageous and the trustees ordered the papers drawn. Theo. Richards, principal was consulted throughout the dealing. He had found the plant useful in the industrial department, but agreed with the trustees that better terms for lighting would be the result of the contract. This having been settled for the old school, it was but a matter of detail to close for including the buildings for the Girls' school in the rate made. The rates will not be given out, but are understood to be very reasonable.

At present the city lines of the company end at Liliha street. Mr. Hoffman, in anticipation of increasing the business has kept on hand for some time large quantities of material for new line and there will be no delay in construction. A wait for material "by the next steamer" will not be necessary. Both the new Chapel and Museum buildings are in this contract. Fixtures for the Chapel, which had been ordered through the town company, were landed by the Australia.

The Hawaiian Electric Company has completed the installation at Waianae plantation, this island, of the largest and finest electric power pumping station on the Islands. No more modern, complete of efficient plant can be found anywhere and the owners are simply delighted with the departure in the way of saving coal and labor and no end of trouble in waiting for fuel and repairs. The water supply is ample and permanent. Here are a few of the details of this new plant: "Head," 700 feet; "nozzle," 2½ inches; wheel, 36 inches; pipe, 8-inch; line, three miles. The present horse power is 150 and this is to be developed on to 250. About a dozen plantation managers have so far expressed the intention of visiting this new electric pumping plant at Waianae. More than half the plantations of the Islands are so situated that it will be scarcely any task at all to use an immense amount of water power that is now going to waste. This is peculiarly marked in several localities on Hawaii and Kauai. The managers are finding it out and will profit by it.

It is now four months since an electric pumping plant was installed at Olowalu. The horse power is 75 and the salary roll for looking after the dynamo, line, etc., is the great, heavy sum of \$60 a month. So far there has not been a single item of expense for repairs and the owners are entirely satisfied. The water is first used for fluming cane and then runs upon the fields.

The electric lamp for the new Diamond Head Lighthouse soon to be erected by Mr. Rowell, has been received by the local Electric Company and is something fine and unusual in the way of goods of its class. This is separate and distinct from the lens, which is coming from Paris. The lamp is 4,000 candle power. This is just double the bright lamps which were used at Cylomere park during the night racing. The wires of the Electric Company at present reach to the residence of Hon. Cecil Brown in Waikiki, but extension work is to begin without delay.

Seventeen Bands of Mercy.
Mrs. Maria Freeman Gray expects to leave Honolulu on the Moana today

for her home in San Francisco. Mrs. Gray has organized seventeen Bands of Mercy in this city and reported the same to the headquarters of the American Humane Education Society in Boston, Mass. This society sends free of charge, to each band for a year, excellent humane literature in order to give information on this subject, and also aid the members in practicing "kindness justice and mercy to every living creature."

Bradford in Court.

Word came by the Helene that C. S. Bradford, who is very well known here, was defendant in a suit in progress in Court in Hilo when the steamer left. There was some disagreement in the settlement of an account created by the purchase of some billiard tables at San Francisco by Bradford for the Hilo hotel.

Geo. Ruttman, tried at Hilo on the charge of embezzlement was acquitted.

ANOTHER VILLAGE.

Peck & Co. will Have a New Place in Kewalo.

Another local dray company is to undertake the establishment of another village. Mr. Frank Hustace's enterprise is a personal venture. The new plan is fathered by a partnership.

E. Peck & Co., have purchased of Bruce Waring & Co., (Chas. S. Desky) six acres of land immediately mauka of the bicycle racing track. This is the land which Mr. Desky has pictured off in his mind's eye and on paper for base ball grounds, but as a real estate dealer, he was unable to resist the temptation to make a sale when a willing buyer appeared.

The stables of Peck & Co., occupying a large lot on Upper Vineyard street, near Punchbowl, will be moved to the new place near Cylomere. At the same time the stable buildings are going up the contractors will make cottages for the employees of the firm. The first group, if occupied, will be followed by another.

This new scheme, following the opening of Kewalo by Mr. Desky and the wholesale construction of cottages by Mr. Hustace will make that section of the city one of the most populous districts in the limits of Honolulu. If the cherished projects of those most interested are carried out the little suburb with its many homes will continue to be neat and clean and attractive and healthy.

AT THE PALI.

Half Caste Boy Hurt and in the Hospital.

A half-caste boy whose name could not be learned from himself or friends or associates is in the Queen's Hospital under care for injuries received at the Pali yesterday morning. He is seriously hurt about the head.

The boy was one of the workmen for the contractors and was on duty on the lower road. A stone that somehow rolled from above struck the young fellow on the side of the head. There was a very bad bruise about the ear and it is barely possible that the skull was fractured. Dr. J. T. Wayson was called and made a dressing of the injury. Late in the afternoon it was decided to bring the boy to the city and last night he was placed in the hospital. He seemed to be resting easily. It is the belief that he will recover, but the full, or rather the exact extent of his injury cannot yet be finally determined. The stone also struck him on the shoulder.

Hurt By a Horse.

Harry Klemme is on the sick list and has serious injuries to his chest. Mr. Klemme's strong instinct of kindness for animals made him a patient. He saw a horse entangled in harness on Kukui street and went to the rescue. No sooner had Klemme released the horse from a choking position than the animal reared and placed its forefeet squarely on the chest of A's lieutenant. Mr. Klemme will not be entirely well for some time.

At The Hotel.

Last evening's concert at the hotel did not begin till 8:30. Still there was a large crowd in attendance. The program was unusually good and the music was much enjoyed by town people and those who arrived on the Australia as well as the departing passengers by the Moana. A hop had been included in the prospectus for the evening, but there was no dancing. A lot of new seats for those who attend concerts have been provided by Manager James.

There is considerable talk of a new dairy company independent of the Association.

DR. GUPPY IN FIJI

Interesting Comparison of the Islands With Hawaii.

TRAITS OF THE MELANESIANS

The Indian Coolie Labor Problem is Beginning to Be Very Serious.

(Special Correspondence).

One sadly misses in Fiji the bright skies and kindly natives of Hawaii. The free atmosphere of the young Republic of the North Pacific is in the nature of things not to be found in a Crown Colony. Unfortunately Hawaii, like a maiden eager to be wooed and anxious to change her name, seems only too desirous to find a lord and to yield up her freedom. Yet to the poetic fancy her independence offers more attractions. In practical politics, however, the dreamer receives but little consideration. Men of sterner stuff have to guide the destinies of a people, and much of the romance of terrestrial affairs disappears when they become the business of the legislator. But when contrasting Fiji and Hawaii, we must not forget that the social policy which the white men have established in the various groups of the Pacific receives a good deal of its color from the character of the aboriginal people and that the distinctions between the Polynesian and Melanesian races are in a certain degree reflected in the differences between the several white communities. To such a cause may be partly attributed the "red-tapeism" that prevails in the one group and the "free-and-easyism" one enjoys in the other. The blending of races so natural in Hawaii would be in a general sense out of the question in Fiji. Hawaii under her blue skies and with her bright attractive people has a future before her very different from that which awaits Fiji with her murky skies and Melanesian population.

Other things go to increase the contrast between the two Pacific groups. The labor question which threatens to mold the future of Hawaii is also a burning one in Fiji. Here the attempt to employ Japanese on the sugar cane plantations was frustrated a year or two ago by the death through beriberi of twenty-five per cent. of the laborers and by the disablement of a large proportion of the survivors. When the early part of last year the Japanese were returned to their own country, a great impulse was given to the demand for Indian coolies. Now the Indians number some ten thousand in the colony. Already they give a character to Fiji life and manners; and as they are increasing rapidly, both by births and immigration, the time is not far distant when their numbers in the group will be a subject for the anxious consideration of the rulers. The Fijians, being still to a great extent lords of the soil, do not take well to plantation work. When they do so, it is to work out their taxes, and there is no especial inducement for them to engage in such employment at other times, as a large part of their earnings would be appropriated by the chiefs. The chiefs still possess much of their power and have been largely retained as paid government officials, a prudent policy on the part of the executive government, but one more especially adapted to the exigencies of the situation when the group was first annexed. At present the chiefs are gentlemen at large but thoroughly Melanesian in their ideas of the duties of chieftainship, more particularly as regards any consideration for the public weal is concerned. They let things "slide" in the true Melanesian groove, the chief being the idler man in his district. Should any native attempt to set up a store, the Roko, as he is called, takes all he wants, so that from enterprises of this nature the unfortunate Fijian is completely barred; and this principle runs through the system of native government in these islands.

Then again the Fijian has but lately departed from his cannibal ways. Memories of this form of dieting are still pretty fresh in some parts of the group. A chief visits me daily, whose venerable old father, still alive, is said to have eaten in his time some two hundred persons, both black, brown, and white; and I am told that in the island of Kandavu there are to be found in most villages two or three

men who yet boast of the parts they have enjoyed at the cannibal feast. Yet another contrast with Hawaii. The women of middle age present the worn out aspect of the female drudge so familiar to those acquainted with the natives of the Solomon and New Hebrides groups. Their lives in fact are usually laborious ones. With the exception of the wives of the chiefs, the women find their principal occupation in fishing and in bearing home loads of yams, taro, and other edibles from their plantations. They form the sole occupants of the canoes in their frequent fishing excursions and the hard labor and exposure connected with the work soon deprive them of their attractiveness.

In these islands Wesleyanism, which is professed by the large majority of the population, has been long established. But the Roman Catholics are actively at work through the agency of Bishop Vidal and some thirty priests. Religious feeling sometimes runs high, as it did in the early days in the Hawaiian Islands. I happened to be residing for a time at the Roman Catholic Mission on the banks of the Rewa, the principal river in these islands. Having tried for a few days the experiment of living in a native house, I found the lack of privacy so trying that the offer of a room here was gladly accepted. My Fijian residence chanced to be the native magistrate's house, and like most houses of persons of importance it was a place of resort for a number of people. Here local dignitaries would discuss affairs in general and myself in particular. Here young men assembled for no other intelligible purpose than to gaze at the unfortunate occupant. When the vangoa (awa) bowl was brought in I was for the time forgotten; but the respite was a short one. The magistrate's wife had her own circle of acquaintances and a considerable number of pairs of optics were intently fastened on me. Such surroundings being ill-suited for botanical investigations, I accordingly changed my abode; and now my home is amongst the Roman Catholic converts. How long I shall remain here is very uncertain. The young men and boys are particularly devout in the exercises of their religion. They are very fond of cricket, and there was rather an impressive scene a day or two since in the midst of the game. The church bell tolled at noon for the Angelus, and in a moment every cricketer and all the spectators were on their knees. The prayer being finished, the game was resumed, and the loud shouting and laughter so suddenly interrupted burst out again.

H. B. GRUPPY, M. D.

Attended A Luau.

A big luau was given at Mrs. Mana's in Paoa last evening for the Frawley company and a number of other people. The entertainment was furnished by Harry Wilder, Messrs. Vida, Cornwell and some of their friends. There was a fine native feast and music by one of the native clubs. The singing was greatly enjoyed by all. There was an old-style hula which proved an attractive novelty. The show people and others returned to the hotel loaded with leis.

Police And Civilian.

There was quite a row on Nuuanu last night between a fireman of the Mauna Loa and his friends on one side and a native police officer on the other. The steamboat man says he loaned the policeman two nickels to buy coffee. He claims that later he discovered that by mistake he had given the man one nickel and a \$5 gold piece. The affair went as far as the searching of the policeman, but no gold was found on him.

A Transfer.

Geo. R. Carter has been secured by Mr. P. C. Jones to take charge of the business of the Hawaiian Safe Deposit and Investment Company upon the opening of the Bank of Hawaii. Mr. Carter leaves Brewer & Co., where he had a responsible position for some time.

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